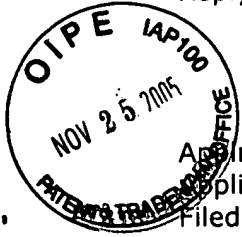


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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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This is in response to the Election Requirement stated in the Office Communication dated **August 25, 2005**.

The Examiner requires applicant to elect a single disclosed species from each of three groups of species for prosecution on the merits. Applicants elect:

Species C: Figure 6 from the Intraluminal Stent Group. Claims 54-71 read on that species;

Species A: Figure 4A from the Means for Securing Group. Claims 72-73 read on that species.

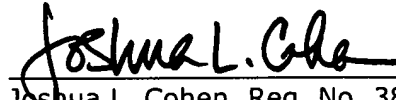
Species A: Figure 8 from Introducer Group. No claims appear to read on that species.

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These elections are made without traverse.

Respectfully submitted,



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